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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It is important for consumers to have a wide range of viable options for high speed Internet. We are dependent in it for work, education and entertainment. I have been a proud customer of Sonic at work and Wave broadband at home. Small independent ISPs helps keeps the cost of internet affordable and high speed available for all. For example, the big cable company for our area (Comcast), refuses to service our business since they said it is economically unfeasible. Our choice was either a slow DSL connection from AT&T or an expensive satellite or terrestrial based system. Luckily, Sonic is able to bond two slow DSL connections together to give us passable speeds at a reasonable cost. It's this outside the box thinking that small ISPs are good at. Innovation doesn't come from monopolies, it is a result of competition. It's no exaggeration that without service from Sonic we wouldn't have a business. Supporting smaller ISPs such as Sonic allows them to move on to bigger things such as fiber internet. Basically, competition is good for us the consumer and the industry as a whole, and I hope you all have this in mind when making decisions.

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